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**City of Worcester
Accessibility Advisory Commission**

**Tuesday April 11, 2023, 4:30pm
Virtual Meeting**

ASL interpreters over Webex

To virtually join the meeting please go to:

<https://cow.webex.com/cow/j.php?MTID=m0728b3eca4718ecf3ce355dbbbe5d0ea>

Meeting number: 2319 518 6927 Password: k3QRdV3UGU2

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To request a reasonable accommodation or interpretation or to submit written comments or questions in advance of the meeting, please contact the Office by email at accessibility@worcesterma.gov. Please note that interpretation requests must be received no later than 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

Para solicitar interpretación o una adaptación razonables o para enviar comentarios o preguntas por escrito antes de la reunión, comuníquese con la Oficina por correo electrónico a accessibility@worcesterma.gov. Tenga en cuenta que las solicitudes de interpretación deben recibirse a más tardar 48 horas antes de la reunion.

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Please note: all times listed below are approximate

1. Call to order, instructions for participation, introductions	4:30-4:35
2. Approval of February 28, 2023 meeting minutes	4:35-4:40
3. Debrief Polar Park annual tour and accessibility update/ review of WooSox Accessibility Guide (George Lorin, WooSox)	4:40-5:10
4. Review of AAB notices and applications: No City owned properties Variance applications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 378 Plantation Street • 204 Main Street 	5:10-5:40
5. Communication received: Annual report on sidewalk snow removal enforcement	5:40-5:45
6. Brainstorm accessible/inclusive restaurant award	5:45-6:00
7. Planning for July accessibility event (Elizabeth Myska)	6:00-6:15
8. Notice: Reorganization of Office of Human Rights & Accessibility and transfer of Accessibility Advisory Commission to the Executive Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion See City Council Meeting March 28, 2023, Item 14a. Eric D. Batista, City Manager, transmitting an edited reorganization ordinance for the Executive Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	6:15-6:25
9. Notice: MA Commission for the Blind Commissioner steps down https://www.bostonglobe.com/2023/04/04/metro/head-state-commission-blind-steps-down-following-globe-report-turmoil-within-agency/?s_campaign=breakingnews:newsletter	6:25-6:30
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<p>10. Notice: The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a U.S. government program run by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to help low-income households pay for internet service and connected devices like a laptop or tablet.</p> <p>You are likely eligible if your household’s income is below 200% of the Federal Poverty Line, or if you or someone you live with currently receives a government benefit like SNAP, Medicaid, SSI, WIC, Pell Grant, or Free and Reduced-Price Lunch.</p> <p>If your household is eligible, you could receive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Up to a \$30/month discount on your internet service •Up to a \$75/month discount if your household is on qualifying Tribal lands •A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50) •A low cost service plan that may be fully covered through the ACP* <p>https://www.affordableconnectivity.gov</p>	<p>6:30-6:35</p>
<p>11. Suggestions for upcoming agenda items</p>	<p>6:35-6:40</p>
<p>12. Announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Accessibility Advisory Commission meeting: May 16, 2023 - 4:30pm- Virtual meeting – Parks Department Annual Meeting with the Commission • WRTA Transportation Advisory Planning Group Wednesday, April 19, 2023– 1-2:30pm <p>Emergency Preparedness Tip: Pack an emergency “Go Pack” with essential life-saving items such as medications and store several gallons of water/person at home. Click here for a list of items and other helpful tips: https://www.ready.gov/</p>	<p>6:40</p>